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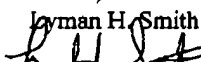
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For : **DETECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SAME**
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Docket No. : M2047-3

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2000, having an one month period for response which expires June 5, 2000, applicants provisionally elect the following group and list of claims readable thereon.

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Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group II, including claims 3-8, drawn to a method and a device.

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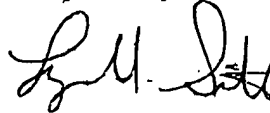
It is respectfully proposed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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